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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action, a Final Rejection, dated February 4, 2005 regarding the above-identified application, a Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith, and consideration of the application in view of the Amendments and the Response and Remarks below is respectfully requested. This Response is timely filed because it is filed before the expiration of the threemonth time indicated by the Examiner in the Office Action, namely, before the expiration of May 4, 2005.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 8 of this paper.

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Response and Remarks begin on page 42 of this paper.